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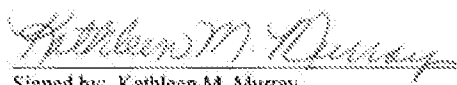
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: MATERIALS, METHODS, AND KITS FOR REDUCING NONSPECIFIC  
BINDING OF MOLECULES TO A SURFACE

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 19, 2007. Claims 1-31 are pending.  
Claims 1-31 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-13, 15 are said to be drawn to a method comprising providing a material comprising sites, classified in Class 216;
- II. Claim 14 is said to be drawn to a method comprising providing material comprising particles, classified in Class 264, Subclass 127;
- III. Claim 16 is said to be drawn to a method comprising providing material comprising proteins, classified in Class 427, Subclass 323;
- IV. Claim 17 is said to be drawn to a method comprising providing a protein, classified in Class 435, Subclass 183;
- V. Claims 18-21 are said to be drawn to a product subcombination comprising materials, classified in Class 106, Subclass 637;
- VI. Claims 22-25 are said to be drawn to a product combination comprising material comprising particles, classified in Class 427, Subclass 2.14;
- VII. Claims 26-28 are said to be drawn to a product combination comprising material comprising a membrane, classified in Class 442, Subclass 289; and